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In re Application of :  
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**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed February 14, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to submit the issue fee in a timely manner in reply to the Notice of Allowance mailed July 29, 2004, which set a statutory period for reply of three (3) months. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on October 30, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on December 14, 2004.

Petitioner has met the requirements to revive the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b).

This matter is being referred to the Publishing Division for processing into a patent.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3282.

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